

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parents,

The weekend just gone began with a very special Coffee Morning: thank you to all who attended and to the boarders for organising this. The Voice Auditions for new Cathedral Choristers in the afternoon was very well attended by new and current pupils and well done to all who took part. Thank you to everyone for their support of Children in Need and for the very generous cakes and wonderful colouring done by our younger children. Thank you also to Mrs Thornton and the performers participating in her open 'cello rehearsal.

As we all look forward to the Christmas Market next week, please can I remind parents if you have not yet returned your slip regarding times for collection, could you please ensure it comes in by Monday at the latest.

With best wishes



Greg Das Gupta
Headmaster of St Mary's Preparatory School

DIARY AMENDMENTS

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Wednesday 7th December

Lincoln Cathedral

2.00pm

Please note amended time

U11 HOUSE MATCHES

Friday 9th December

Parents welcome to attend

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 29th November

YEAR 5 PARENTS' EVENING

4.15pm onwards

Wednesday 30th November

2W and 2S ASSEMBLY

9.00am in Damant Hall

Coffee served from 8.30am onwards

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COLOUR COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER, PLEASE LOOK AT OUR WEBSITE AND PRINT A COPY OFF FROM THERE.

Congratulations to the following pupils who were awarded a Merit Award in Assembly today:

MERIT AWARDS

3B	Krish Nair
3H	Amelia Hayward Graves
3KB	Olivia Henson
4G	Charlotte Gough
4K	Olivia Charlwood
4W	Ella Lyons
5L	Sapphire Miller
5P	Ottilie Harwood-Gray
5T	Isla Page
6D	Sam Wright
6DM	Hanaa O'Reilly
6H	Henry Morris
Sports	Zoe Lyttle
Music	Ellen Walker
Deputy Head's Award:	
	Ben Jalihal
	Isobel Das Gupta

LOWER SCHOOL CERTIFICATES

RB	Elijah Jenkinson
	Millie Credland
RCS	Louisa Muir
	Ella Pickering Paterson
1CG	Grace Ward
1D	Cosmo Nevile
	Ben Lyons
	George Alford
1M	Alexander Sanders
2C	Suzanne White
2N	Toby Russon
2S	Isabel Rossington
2W	Owen Ginty
Sport	Harry Darwin (2N)
'Smiley' Award	Abigail Thomas (1M)

NEXT WEEKS

EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Monday 28th
Tuesday 29th
2.00pm

4.15pm
Wednesday 30th
9.00am
2.30pm

DECEMBER

Thursday 1st
Friday 2nd

HOUSE ASSEMBLY

Individual Photos for absentees
U9B Rugby & U8A & U9B
Hockey v Hull Collegiate (a)
Yr 5 Parents' Evening
LAMDA Exams
2W & 2S Assembly
U11 Rugby v Ranby (h)
U11A,B,C Hockey v Witham Hall (a)
U11 Rugby v Ranby (h)

CHRISTMAS MARKET

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Lunch menu = Week 3 Lower School/ Week 1 Upper School



CHRISTMAS MARKET ARRANGEMENTS

NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY 1ST OR FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER
due to the Christmas Market.

If you have not yet returned the slip regarding your child's school day arrangements then please do so as soon as possible.

A reminder that pupils can be collected at:



Lower School site
12.30 (no lunch required)
1.30pm – after lunch
3.40pm – end of school day

Upper School site
12.30 (no lunch required)
1.30pm – after lunch
3.50pm – end of school day



WE ARE STILL AWAITING THE RETURN OF SEVERAL SLIPS INDICATING WHAT TIME PUPILS ARE LEAVING SCHOOL ON THIS DAY – IF YOU HAVE NOT RETURNED YOUR SLIP YET, PLEASE DO SO ON MONDAY MORNING. THANK YOU

YEAR 4 VISIT TO B & Q WIND TURBINE & DISTRIBUTION CENTRE

On Wednesday Year4 visited the B & Q Wind Turbine and Distribution Centre at Manton Colliery, near Worksop. It was a lovely afternoon as the weather was fine, despite the cold, and there was a light wind which was just what we needed to see the wind turbine in action. On arrival we were taken to the boardroom and David Horton from B & Q outlined the competition that the company had organised for the children. Their first task was to find out the names of the many different parts of the wind turbine and the second to suggest a suitable name for it. For the first time we were allowed to look inside the tower to see the controls which enable the wind turbine to adjust to different wind strengths and rotate in the required direction. After that we were shown the huge avenues of cranes in the warehouse, which transfer loaded pallets to conveyor belts and fork lift trucks ready to load onto lorries for distribution to local B & Q stores. We then saw 'Sorting Sid,' named by Katherine Cooper in 2009, a robot that stacks boxes very efficiently on to pallets. Finally we went back to the boardroom where the children named the various parts of the wind turbine and wrote down their suggested names for it. All the children received a 'treat' and Harry Pardoe won the competition naming the wind turbine 'Katherine Wheel.' Sponsors had very generously donated a Nintendo 3DSi to the competition winner, chosen by the B & Q team. Congratulations to Harry who will also have a plaque mounted on the turbine's tower naming it 'Katherine Wheel' along with his name. The children were very well behaved and asked lots of relevant questions. Once again the B & Q team were impressed by the children's interest, enthusiasm and good manners. Well done, Year 4!



INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS

If your child was absent on Tuesday and did not have an individual photograph taken there will be another opportunity next week – on Tuesday 29th at 10.00am on the Lower School site. We will arrange for any Upper School pupils to be taken over for their photograph to be taken after registration.



WRAP UP WARM

Can we remind parents to please send children into school with a warm coat. Gloves and hats are also very much encouraged. On this note, following much enthusiasm for the duffel coat to remain part of the new School uniform it has been decided that both the new 3 in 1 coat and the duffel coat will be available to buy through the School shop.

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF LINCOLN MINSTER SCHOOL

FAMILY BEETLE DRIVE

Many thanks to everyone who attended the Beetle Drive! A great evening was enjoyed by us all!

Special thanks to the admin, catering and maintenance staff for their continued support.





BOOK FAIRS

Lower School

Monday 28th &
Tuesday 29th November
3.40-4.15pm

Upper School

Tuesday 6th – Friday 9th December
3.50-5.00pm



COMPETITION

For your chance to win a £5 voucher to spend at the Scholastic Book Fair... Enter a handwritten poem called 'The Surprise'.

Open to all pupils in Years 4-6.
Closing date Friday 2nd December.

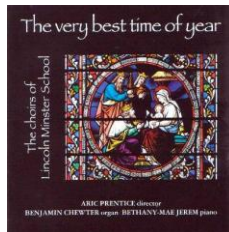
UNIFORM SHOP

OPENING TIMES FOR DECEMBER

The new opening times for the month of December are as follows:

Friday	2 nd	CLOSED
Monday	5 th	8.30-10.30am
Wednesday	7 th	2.30-5.00pm
Friday	9 th	2.30-5.00pm
Monday	12 th	8.30-10.30am
Wednesday	14 th	2.30-5.00pm
Friday	16 th	CLOSED

THE VERY BEST TIME OF YEAR



Performers include Lincoln Cathedral Choristers and the school's Chamber Choir who have given regular broadcasts on BBC 1, Radio 4 & Radio Lincolnshire.

This CD, which is a mixture of traditional carols and Christmas songs, will make an ideal Christmas present at only £5.00 ea.

Copies are available from reception at the Lower, Upper and Senior school or from Miss Jordan in the Music Department (01522 551342).

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS



We have a tradition of inviting each pupil to donate a tree decoration for their *first* Christmas in the School.

Each decoration is marked with the pupil's name/s so that in future years they will recognise their contribution to our Christmas celebrations. The tree will arrive on December 1st and will be decorated soon afterwards.

If any 'new' parent would like to offer a decoration, please hand in to the school offices.

CHILDREN IN NEED



Well done and thank you to **Ted Gogerty** in 2W who raised £100 for Children in Need by doing a raffle in school to win a Pudsey Bear from the Build-a-bear factory. The raffle was drawn on Wednesday in assembly and Grace Mathews won.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for all articles to appear in the School Newsletter is no later than 12.00noon on the Thursday prior to publication the next day.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB : CHIME BARS

Mrs Skinner's Chime Bar club next Wednesday (30th November) **will not take place** as Mrs Skinner has to attend a course.



New Youth Theatre presents...

A Christmas Carol
28th, 29th, 30th Nov
& 1st December

at Lincoln Drill Hall

Camp Rock Junior
1st & 2nd December

Tickets available from the box office 01522 873894
£ 6.50 Adults £ 5.50 Concessions

New Youth Theatre are looking for New Cast members for their next shows, *Bugsy Malone* & *Jungle Book*. Rehearsals commence in January 2012. To book your child a place please contact New Youth Theatre email info@newyouththeatre.co.uk or tel. 01522 787601.

For further information please visit the website www.newyouththeatre.co.uk

New Youth Theatre providing participatory activities in the performing arts for young people aged 3 - 21 years.

MACMILLAN NURSES COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER



Three weeks' worth of organisation and planning by our boarding community, under the expert guidance of Mrs Ellis, culminated in a hugely successful Coffee Morning last Saturday morning at our Prep School. Everybody mucked in, whether it was washing and drying of cups, serving tea and coffee and selling of cakes and raffle tickets and our senior boys even baked some cakes to sell! Parents were most forthcoming with prize donations for the raffle.

We raised in excess of £300 and we plan to invite a representative from the Lincolnshire branch of the Macmillan Nurses to attend our Carols by Candlelight event on Monday 12 December, where a cheque will be presented to them.



HOCKEY

U9A v Wellow House

Wow what a match! This game was great fun and very exciting and we had a great team. We scored 2 brilliant goals (well, 3 actually, but one was not counted!) and so did Wellow, making the final score 2-2. The girls and I had good possession of the ball throughout the game and Wellow were great at defending and although we had plenty of chances to score they only let us get 2 goals. We had a great crowd of supporters. Not only mums and dads but lower school were cheering us on to.

I think we are all really improving our hockey skills and playing better and better as a team. Big thanks to Mrs Kelly for being a great coach and also thanks for the delicious cake. By **India Stott**

HOCKEY

U10 Girls Hockey Tournament at Witham Hall

We were all excited as we travelled to Witham Hall for our first tournament.

We were playing 5 games using mini hockey rules with each game lasting 10 minutes one way. Ellie played superbly as goalie, saving lots of goals.

Felicity scored our only goal, in the 5th game, against Highfields. All our other games were hard fought with Sapphire tackling well and Zoe defending our goal brilliantly. Isla did some very big sweeps down in goal and Yasmine, Juliet and Zena were excellent at running up and down the pitch tackling and defending.

Well done to everyone on the team! Unfortunately we only won one game but we still got gold medals anyway! By Gwen Butcher (Captain)

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YEAR 6 FRENCH TRIP

A reminder that all Year 6 pupils going on the French trip will need their own passport.



RAGTEX

The Eco Committee would like to thank you for all the bags recently collected by Ragtex. A cheque has been received at the Upper School for £71.50, this money will be put to very good use in the school.

LOST

Please return any items to pupils in their form.

HENRY OSBOURNE : named blue hooded PE top – room 10
TOM WHYLES, 2C : named sports shorts (navy) and named St Mary's School fleece – blue (old style with SMS badge).
HARRIET WARNES- brand new named white PE shirt
GEORGIA RIGAS – white school shirt and green sweatshirt



SHOE BOX APPEAL

Many thanks to all who contributed to the above – a total of 158 boxes were collected last Friday – a fantastic amount – well done!